

Holy Cross Catholic Church



*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27


Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024

John 20:29

*You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me, says
the Lord; blessed are those who
have not seen me, but still believe!*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Apr 8

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service
6pm- Finance Council Meeting
6pm- Youth Night

Tue Apr 9

9am- Mass

Wed Apr 10

9am- Mass

Thu Apr 11

9am- Mass

Fri Apr 12- Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Apr 13

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
5pm- Mass

Sun Apr 14

8am- Mass
9am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call/email office to schedule your Mass Intentions.

Sun 8am Mass is offered for People of the Parish.

Sat 4/6, 5pm- ROS Robert Blount

Tue 4/9, 9am- ROS Richard F. Hall

Vocations Cross

Sign up to pray with the vocations cross outside the sanctuary.

Manaois Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35: *They were of one heart & mind.*

PSALM 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

John 5:1-6: *Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.*

John 20:19-31: *Eight days later Jesus came & stood in their midst.*

Reflection

The first reading reveals what a community looks like when it has really encountered the risen Christ. It is hard to envision this today because we are so shaped by a society that values money above all else. Our capitalist & consumerist culture makes the early believers' common distribution of goods seem a wildly unattainable dream. But we are called to at least hold loosely to our possessions, being ready to distribute them to others when we encounter need in our neighbors.

The Gift /s God

"Peace be with you."

This is what is called a "performative utterance": the words actually bring about the outcome; they generate the action they speak of. When a person is baptized, the words "I baptize you" are performative: as they are uttered & the action performed, so the person is actually baptized. "I now declare you husband & wife" or "I launch this ship" are also performatives (assuming the ship actually moves, otherwise they are a failed performative & acutely embarrassing). So Jesus is not at all saying the equivalent of "Have a nice day," or offering a simple conventional greeting. He is doing something very profound.

Everyone in that room is struggling to come to terms with the recent events. They are not at peace with themselves, nor with each other—particularly the petulant & absent Thomas. The air must be electric with their mistrust & self-recriminations. Yet Jesus does not upbraid them. He brings his peace into that room & into the heart & soul of each person there. The peace of which he talks is the peace the world cannot give because the world does not know it (cf. John 14:27). This is another "God-gift": the gift *is* God, the God of peace. Consequently, if people have this gift, it resides at the very deepest part of their being, & even the turmoil on the surface & in their daily lives cannot destroy it. This peace is rather like the stillness in the deepest parts of the ocean that hurricanes & typhoons on the surface cannot touch. & this is the gratuitous gift Jesus offers his disciples.

Fr. Anthony J. Gittins, *The Way of Discipleship*
Tony J. Gittins, CSSp, taught mission theology & social anthropology at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, & gave retreats & workshops on missionary discipleship & intercultural living. He died in May 2023.



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date: June 11-14

Where: **Holy Cross Parish**

Who: **Students entering into kindergarten-6th grade for the 2024-25 school year.**

For more information, go to:
holycrossalaska.net/vbs

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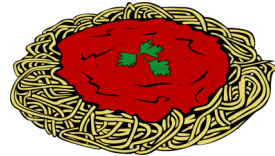
Knights of Columbus®

Next Sunday April 14 the Knights are serving their last pancake breakfast



until September! Join us!

On Saturday April 20 they will serve the last dinner until September! Spaghetti is on the menu!



These two events will be your last chance to purchase buffalo hunt raffle tickets!



ATTENTION!

Early registration for 2024-25 Faith Formation is open!

You can register at:
holycrossalaska.net/register



Save \$10 for fees!

NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION

We will have a second collection for Vacation Bible School next weekend, April 13th and 14th. The funds will help buy supplies, food, and decorations.

Thank you!



On the Way Home from Mass

Why do you think Jesus' first word to his disciples after the resurrection was peace?

Faith Formation Classes

April 14:

Preschool-6th in Family Session

Grades 7-12 in Classroom

April 21:

Grades 7-12 in Family Session

Preschool-6th in Classroom

Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn more by contacting Deacon Sandon.



TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$ 7,894

Weekly Tithing Period: 03/25-31/2024

Income Sources

Weekly Collections: \$ 8,939

Holy Day/Holiday Collections: \$ 789

Online Giving: \$ 2,940

Total: \$ 12,668

Over /(Under) Goal: \$ 4,774

Actual vs. Goal (%): 160.5%



Other Notable Events!

Wed 5/1	7pm	Confirmation Mass
Sat 5/11	12pm	Ladies Tea
Sun 5/12	11am	First Communion Mass
Sun 5/19	12pm	Parish Picnic
Tue 6/11 thru Fri 6/14	4:30-8pm	Vacation Bible School
Sat 6/15	12pm	Men's BBQ *updated*





Holy Cross
Ladies Tea Party
Saturday, May 11th, at 12 pm
Wear a dress and hat for the occasion.
It is required to bring your own tea cup.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE LADIES TEA PARTY?

TICKET SALES WILL BEGIN ON
APRIL 13TH UNTIL MAY 5TH.
SEE JERICA BEFORE OR AFTER MASS,
OR CALL/TEXT HER AT (907) 306-9363
TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

Ticket prices:
\$15 per person

Teen volunteers are needed. Contact Jerica if you want to volunteer.

Parish Ministries Service Groups

Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
 Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
 Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
 Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
 Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
 Faith Formation- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363
 Church Maint. / Snow Removal- Mike Likar: 529-9015
 Eucharistic Ministers- John Hoppe: 350-7580
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 Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
 Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
 Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
 Lawn & Garden- Julie Spralding: 636-399-0892
 Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
 Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
 Liturgical Ministries Coordinator- Julie Thomas: 538-1109
 Livestream- John Roberts: 317-6808
 Music Ministry- Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
 Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
 Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
 OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
 Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
 Youth- Jerica Manaos and Luke Broek: 306-9363

Prayer for Ministers

Heavenly Father,
 since the time of the Apostles
 you have inspired the Church
 to commission certain members
 to assist in a special way
 in the pastoral mission of Christ.

Bless all our ministers
 that they may be humble
 and faith-inspired in their service.

We ask this through Christ, our
 Lord.
 Amen.



“May every ministry be based
 on this intimacy with the Lord;
 living from him is the measure
 of our ecclesial service
 which is expressed in
 the readiness to obey,
 to humble ourselves,
 as we heard in the Letter
 to the Philippians (2:6-11),
 and for the total gift of self.”

-Pope Francis, 5/23/2013

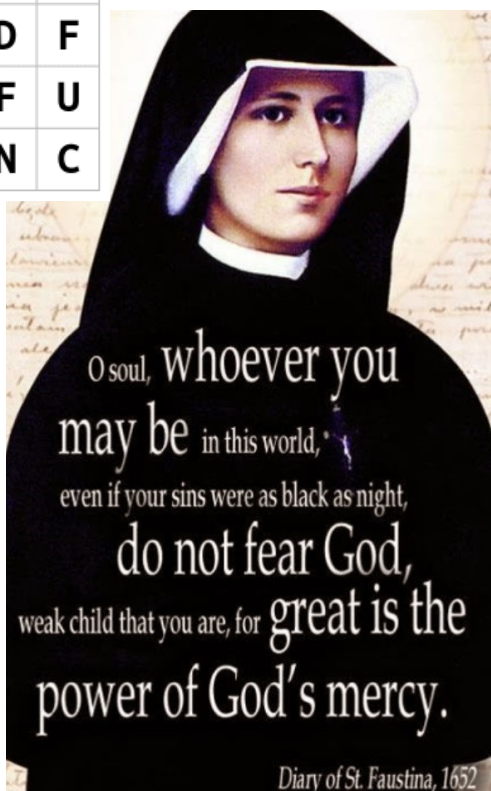
Ministry Schedule for next week (Apr 13/14)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Wisdom Marquez Joseph Salao	Ray Meliton Dave Alzheimer	Jess Manaos Duane Roering	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Joe and Rose Webb	Eilisa Maes Jason Hlasny	Pam Webb Marilyn Kerr	Muldoon Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Lora and JR Rivera	Leslie Holland Mary Anne Green	Tony or Carol Blaska Matt Williams	Reynoso Family

Divine Mercy Sunday

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